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What Is the Wisest Way?
The proposed constitutional amendment, giving Washingtonians the status of citizens of a state for the purpose of representation in Congress and the electoral college, seeks to put in the Constitution only that vital basic principle, whose equity is unassailable. The proposition is stripped of every controversy-breeding feature of necessary supplementary and enforcing legislation, and by the terms of the amendment Congress is authorized to enact all such legislation, including the law fixing the qualifications of voters in the District. It is left to Congress to decide by a majority vote whether there shall be for District voters a property qualification or an educational qualification or, most important of all, a qualification discriminating between the sexes and excluding women.
Of course, there is nothing in the proposed amendment that is hostile in the remotest degree to the inclusion of women among District citizens and voters. If the amendment were adopted as it stands a mere majority vote of Congress, fixing the qualifications of District voters, could enfranchise District women. Such enfranchisement if directly provided by constitutional amendment would require a two-thirds vote of Congress and a three-fourths vote of state legislatures. The vote on woman suffrage in the last Congress suggests that the majority but not the two-thirds vote can be secured.
The proposed constitutional amendment took the shape in which it appears because that was the only shape in which it could receive the united support of the Chamber of Commerce committee of ten and of the Chamber itself. Everybody got behind it and pushed, because it established the vital, fundamental principle of national representation for the District, and did not negative anybody's individual view as to local self-government, woman suffrage or an educational or property qualification for voters.
The equitable privilege or right which the District seeks in this amendment is the same in principle as that which the woman suffrage organizations seek for women all over the United States, including the District. There should be sympathetic and harmonious co-operation between the two movements. No woman's organization should adopt a threatening or dog-in-the-manger attitude toward the District amendment, destroying in short-sighted selfishness all chances of its passage, and alienating very many Washingtonians who favor woman suffrage in the District, but think it should be provided by the majority vote of Congress as an ordinary law, after the constitutional amendment, stripped for the race of all retarding weights, has run the gantlet of two-thirds of Congress and three-fourths of the states.
The District, which has no national representation at all for anybody, is entitled to receive from the woman suffragists hearty support for its appeal for this right, privilege and equity. Many Washingtonians think that the wisest and easiest way in which to secure both national representation for the District and the inclusion of women among District citizens and voters is to push the constitutional amendment as it stands, and after its passage to include women among qualified voters by act of Congress in accordance with the provisions of the amendment.
But if the woman suffragists after thoughtful consideration are convinced that this inclusion of women must be made a part of the constitutional provision, requiring a two-thirds instead of a majority vote of Congress, there is no reason even then why they should threaten or destroy the amendment, to the injury both of the District and of the general cause of woman suffrage in the nation. This amendment is now in the hands of Congress. Under its provisions Congress is authorized, in effect, after the adoption of the constitutional amendment to legislate woman suffrage for the District. If Congress chooses to anticipate this legislation and to make woman suffrage at this time a part of the constitutional amendment the District cannot complain, and will doubtless cheerfully acquiesce.
Washington is entitled to the hearty support of the woman suffragists, local and national, for its constitutional amendment, either with the further amendment suggested, if the assent of Congress can be secured, or as it stands, if Congress so wills.

The Freer Art Building.
The decision of the Smithsonian regents to place the Freer art gallery at the corner of 12th and B streets northwest is in line with general expectation. Presumably Congress must be asked for permission for this emplacement, for the site chosen is a public park. That this permission will be promptly granted is not to be doubted. The gift of

Mr. Freer is too rich and generous to be placed in the slightest question, when the bestowal of this incomparable collection of art works will involve not a dollar's expense upon the United States.
The site chosen is satisfactory from all points of view. It is central and accessible. It will have an intimate relation to the National Museum, where the National Gallery of Art is housed. It will in the main afford a delightful setting for so handsome a structure as it is assured Mr. Freer will provide for the housing of his art treasures. But on the north the new gallery will be most unfortunately envied. The line of most frequent approach, too, will be unpleasant. This condition cannot be cured, short of the early undertaking by the government of a work that it has long contemplated and which is inevitable, the acquisition for public purposes of the land lying between the Mall and Pennsylvania avenue. There are urgent uses for this land as sites for much needed public buildings. Perhaps the emplacement of the Freer gallery at the fringe of the junkshop and market district will stimulate the houses of Congress to a realization of the impropriety of permitting the years to pass without taking this land, which is destined eventually to become part of the government's equipment at the capital.

The Note to Austria.
The American note to Austria-Hungary on the sinking of the Ancona is based primarily upon the proposition that the government at Vienna has taken cognizance of the notes addressed by this country to Germany on the subject of submarine warfare. It assumes that Austria has recognized the justice of the American contention that in the sinking of unarmed merchantmen submarine commanders must give the crew and passengers a chance to escape, whereas in this instance, it is asserted, the Austrian commander, after bringing the vessel to a halt, fired on her while she was discharging her passengers. Thus there is a mixed question of fact and law, the question of fact being whether in sinking the Ancona the commander of the submarine gave the ship's company a full chance to escape, and the question of law being whether Austria is bound by the principles which have been established in the course of the diplomatic correspondence between the United States and Germany.
There will be little ground for Austria to claim immunity from the principles of humanity which Germany has finally conceded to govern in submarine warfare, on the score of not having been heretofore a party to such an exchange of views. The State Department is fully justified in holding Austria to a strict accountability to those principles on the assumption that they represent the highest requirements of humanity and that Austria is, of course, fully cognizant of the correspondence between Washington and Berlin on the Lusitania and other cases.
As for the fact, Austria has already indicated that the submarine commander claimed to have given a full opportunity to the crew and passengers to escape, but that a panic ensued which caused a delay, and that the ship was torpedoed finally because other vessels were approaching. The repetition by the United States of the charge of inhumanity suggests that the State Department has other information, in the light of which it ignores the explanation already vouchsafed from Vienna.
An element enters into this case which was absent in the sinkings for which Germany was responsible. The Ancona first endeavored to escape, but was overhauled. The State Department frankly so states in its note. Does this fact alter the obligation of the Austrian submarine commander to give the fullest opportunity to the ship's company to leave the vessel before she was torpedoed? Inasmuch as time was given after the Ancona had been brought to under fire and she was not sunk immediately, it would appear that whatever right the Austrian officer had of peremptory destruction on the score of the vessel's initial flight was waived, and from that moment he was bound by the same obligation to observe the law of humanity as though the ship had been stopped on the first signal.
America will not begrudge Europe an industrial boom immediately after the war, if it enables the prompt payment of the enormous sums that will be due neutral countries.
It seems doubtful whether Sir Thomas Lipton will be able to use the ocean for racing purposes even as late as next fall.
Suggestions that the tariff be taken out of politics seem designed to spoil a very reliable topic of conversation.
Unfortunately a fireproof munition factory is still beyond the skill of science and invention.
The Republican Candidate.
See how prominently Congress figures in the presidential equation of the republicans. Indeed, it quite monopolizes attention. Mr. Root and Mr. Burton were but recently members of the Senate, and Mr. Fairbanks and Mr. Knox members but a few years back. Mr. Penrose, Mr. Borah, Mr. Weeks, Mr. Alden Smith, Mr. Sherman and Mr. Cummins are now senators. Mr. Mann is the minority leader of the House. All are good men, and each is strong in his way.
The list is so notable, in fact, that one may wonder as to the dark horse if that sort of nomination becomes necessary. What should be his qualities? Where may he be found? What and how much must center in him in order to bring his own party unitedly and independent voters to his support?
There is one thing very clear. If the next President is to be a republican,

he should be a man of exceptional equipment. He will have a man's job to handle. If the democracy after being weighed is found wanting, the change back to republican direction and control will impose heavy responsibilities, both as to domestic and foreign affairs. Since taking office the democracy has legislated on the tariff, the trusts and the currency, and is now preparing to legislate on other great questions of a domestic character. On questions of a foreign character the President, both as to Mexico and to Europe, has a record which will go into the scale next November.
If all or the greater portion of this is rebuked at the polls, as much as possible must be undone by the party voted in. It must end or mend an unsatisfactory condition of things. It must set Uncle Sam's feet in the right direction, and clear the road for progress. Although from the outset a party of progress, and successful in the main with its policies, the republican party has never faced a larger order than it will face in March, 1917, if restored then to power.
The republicans are in no lack of leaders, and among those leaders are men who class with the ablest men the party has ever produced, qualified for the presidency, and worthy of the office. But, of course, regard must be had for the requirements of popular campaigning, and what will be necessary next year in a candidate to impress and capture the rank and file of those to whom the appeal will be made. Will any suggestions on this point develop at the present republican gathering in this town?
Prominent politicians are refusing big offers to appear in moving pictures. The temptations to capitalize official reputations in the promotion of patent medicines are slight compared to those now offered by the films.
A member of Congress is quite likely to have his ideas of diplomacy changed after he has resided in Washington awhile and acquired some experience with the real article.
Should the demands for public revenue cause an American citizen agitation he may be able to calm himself by making a comparison with what an English citizen has to pay.
People in Europe are many millions of dollars behind in their rent. War as a promoter of prosperity is generally a failure so far as the active parties are concerned.
Henry Ford has been mentioned in Nebraska as a presidential candidate. One of these days Nebraska will calm down and take its politics seriously.
A number of democrats wish that W. J. Bryan could turn his theoretical investigations back to something comparatively easy, like 16 to 1.
There is no disposition to save remnants to provide material for a patched-up peace such as the President considers impractical.
A ship that manages to get up against a prize court instead of a torpedo may be considered comparatively lucky.
Into the cost of war must be figured the loss of life and property in the process of munitions manufacture.
Henry Ford, as an efficiency expert, is likely to be worried about what he will do with his surplus advertising.
China's efforts to America itself have proved unavailing.
SHOOTING STARS.
BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.
A Cautious Attitude.
"I hope your constituents appreciate the value of your patriotic services," said the prominent citizen.
"I don't know that I care to make it a question of actual value," replied Senator Sorghum. "The market for patriotic services is terribly fluctuating."
All the Difference.
What is his own a man endures With patience and without regret. A dog's a nuisance if he's yours, But if he's mine, he is a pet.
Superabundant Fame.
"When a man does anything well he ought to get credit for it," remarked the generous-minded man.
"Not always," replied Bronco Bob. "Me an' Plute Pete got the reputation of bein' such good poker players that it completely spoiled business."
Postponed Wisdom.
"It's never too late to learn."
"That's right. Sometimes it's an advantage to go slow and not get a lot of information you'd have been better off without."
"A man may be judged by the company he keeps, but it might be ungenerous to judge some of us by the kind of shows we go to see."
The Echo.
A song sounded forth with a melody clear
And an echo awoke with a thrill.
And caught the refrain with its message of cheer
And shouted it over the hill.
Over the hills and the valleys it flew,
And as it grew fainter found sweetness anew.
As soft as the perfume of Juneteime it falls
And it melts with a tremulous sigh
As over the hills and the valleys it calls
Where the memories blossom or die.
And as fond recollection goes drifting along,
The echo seems sweeter by far than the song.

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Your unrestricted choice of any of our \$1.00 Manicure Sets that sold up to \$1.00. Hundreds of sets in a number of pretty styles.
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Ladies' or Men's Umbrellas, on parasol frames, with steel rod; covered with Rainproof American Taffeta; plain or carved mission handles.
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Main Floor.

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33c
"Bell" Blouses, in light and dark stripe effects, in collar or band style; all sizes.
Third Floor.

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79c
Men's Y. K. Y. Sweaters, in gray or navy blue; V-neck styles, and full cut; sizes 36 to 44. How about one of these for a gift for him?
Main Floor.

8:30 to 10:30 Only
Men's \$3.50 Bath Robes
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Men's Heavy Blanket Bath Robes; cut full length and correct sizes, in beautiful patterns and colorings; finished with cord and tassels at neck and girdle at waist.
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Created Enthusiastic Selling Here Today
Hundreds of women pronounced it the most sensational value-giving event they had ever attended. Remember the garments are taken from our own well selected stocks and not merchandise purchased for a special sale. Every garment is of perfect material, tailored in the very latest models. Fit and workmanship absolutely guaranteed. All sizes for women and misses.
Be here early tomorrow morning and make your selections while assortments are complete.
To make tomorrow a banner day we have added just 125 Women's and Misses' Cloth Coat Suits. Worth up to \$30.00. Your choice at...

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| Women's & Misses' Winter Coats | Women's & Misses' Winter Coats | Women's & Misses' Winter Coats | Women's & Misses' Winter Coats | Women's & Misses' Winter Coats |
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| \$4.99 | \$6.99 | \$8.99 | \$12.99 | \$16.99 |

| Women's & Misses' Dresses | Women's & Misses' Dresses | Women's & Misses' Dresses | Women's & Misses' Dresses | Women's & Misses' Dresses |
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Second Floor—Suit, Coat and Dress Section—Lansburgh & Bro.

Silk Specials
You Should Hasten to Profit By.
85c Colored Satin de Chine, a Yd. 59c
A wonderful value awaits tomorrow's shoppers in this beautiful, heavy, soft and durable All Pure Silk and Perfectly Finished Satin de Chine. It is fully 27 inches wide and the assortment includes such wanted shades as navy, plum, cardinal, pink, ivory, light blue, taupe, smoke, emerald, pearl, turquoise, brown, wistaria, myrtle, old rose, coral, copenhagen, alicia, mais, helio and a number of beautiful changeable effects.
\$1.50 40-in. All-Silk Crepe de Chine, 97c
Heavy soft quality; all pure silk and perfectly finished. Colors include white, ivory, black, gray, navy, copenhagen, alicia and light blue, African brown, wistaria, old rose, myrtle, pink and flesh color.
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The Shop of a Thousand Suggestions of Sensible Gifts for Men.
The crowds of early shoppers who have made our Men's Wear Shop their shopping center in selecting gifts for men lead us to look for the biggest holiday season we have ever experienced in this department of our establishment. With its additional selling space and augmented sales force it is more than prepared to make last-minute shopping a pleasure.
A few reminders for tomorrow's shoppers:
\$5.00 Pure Silk Accordion Knitted Refters; plain shades and two-toned effects. \$3.95
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Men's Wear Shop—Main Floor.
\$5.00 Tub Silk Shirts, in plain white and striped effects. \$3.95
\$1.50 Wash Cape Goggles; in ivory and sand shades; all sizes. \$1.15
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Complete Assortments for All Kinds of Fancy Work
1,000 Pieces All-silk Ribbons. Regular 35c and 39c values, yard. 17c
These are positively all pure silk and perfect in weave; in every wanted color and combination. Included are stripes, checks, Dresden, moires and satins; from 5/8 to 6 inches wide.
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6 to 8 inches wide, in all colors; for hair and sash ribbons. Included are stripes, Dresden and plain satins.
Narrow Christmas Ribbons
Red, green, holly, poinsettia, red and gold and green and gold. 5 and 10 yard bolts, at 12c, 15c, 20c and 25c a bolt.
Ribbon Dept.—Main Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Gloves
The Appropriate Xmas Gift
2-Clasp Gance Gloves, in black, white, tan and gray; overseas sewn. \$1.00
White Washable Doekin Gloves, prix seams; one-clasp style; very smart. \$1.00
Gray and Brown Velvet Finish Gloves, with self and black embroidered borders. \$1.25
Tan PK Kid Gloves, in all the best shades. \$1.25
2-Clasp Real Kid Gloves, in white, black, sand, putty, champagne and gray; also white with three rows black embroidery; overseas sewn. \$1.50
Main Floor—Gloves.

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Children's Sweaters, \$1.95 and \$2.50
Choice of white and all wanted colors. They are all worsted and made with or without belt, in high or shawl collar models.
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Children's Knit Drawer Leggings, Special at \$1.00 and \$1.50
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